

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
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Inventors: Vercellotti,et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/716,437)	
)	Examiner: Patel, N.
Filed: November 20, 2003)	
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Title: SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR BONE)	
SURGERY)	<u>Customer No. 28554</u>
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This RESPONSE is in reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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